



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Amendment and Response

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the office action dated September 17, 2007 for the above-identified patent application, the applicant hereby submits the following amendment and response.

Application Status:

1. Under the present Final Office Action, claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Previously, claims 36-60 have been withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice.
2. Claims 1-15 and 17-30 are rejected.
3. Claims 16 and 31-35 are objected to.

Applicant's response to each of the examiner's rejections:

1. The examiner rejected claims 14-19 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Per the examiner's suggestion, in claim 14 the applicant deleted the word "of", first occurrence, to overcome this rejection.
2. The examiner rejected claims 1-15 and 17-30 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the known baler system disclosed by the applicants on page 1, lines 22-31 of their specification